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DIRECTORATE MATTERS

REDESIGNATION OF TITLE OF IMSO DIRECTOR

<i>Executive Summary:</i>	this document discusses
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	to decide as appropriate to redesignate the title of IMSO Director
<i>Related documents:</i>	Assembly/20/8.1

1 BACKGROUND

1.1 The IMSO Convention provides that the Head and Chief Executive of the Organization is designated the Director (Article 7(b)). In amending the Convention, the title of the executive organ of the Organization was changed from "Secretariat" to "Directorate". Prior to the privatisation of Inmarsat, the version of the Convention then in force provided that the Head and Chief Executive of the **Directorate** was designated the Director General (Inmarsat Convention (1979), as amended, Article 9(c)).

1.2 When the same countries came to consider the privatisation of Intelsat and consequent establishment of ITSO, not long after the privatisation of Inmarsat and establishment of IMSO, they decided that the Head of ITSO should be designated Director General (ITSO Treaty Agreement Article VIII(b)).

1.3 This change in title has caused confusion and resulted in a perceived reduction in status of the Head of the Organization and consequently the Organization itself. Indeed, the previous Director experienced difficulty on

several occasions explaining his status and that of the Organization in the light of his title. This is undesirable and unnecessary.

1.4 As IMSO Member States are aware, the new Director, Captain Esteban Pacha-Vicente, appointed at the Eighteenth Session of the Assembly, took office on 15 April 2007.

1.5 At its Nineteenth Session, the Advisory Committee considered the possibility of redesignating the title of the Director to Director General, and agreed that *“for administrative convenience and in the light of the extended functions of the Organization, to recommend to the Assembly that it may wish to consider amending the title of the Head of the IMSO Directorate to Director General. Such redesignation could be adopted by the Assembly and/ or could eventually require amendment to the IMSO Convention in accordance with Article 19. The Committee also noted that such action may require consequential redesignations of titles of other members of the Directorate and that, in any event, no financial implications would be involved.”*

2 ACTION REQUIRED

The Assembly considers, as recommended by the Advisory Committee, amending the title of the Head of the IMSO Directorate to Director General. The Assembly decides to adopt such redesignation, noting that this may eventually require amendment to the IMSO Convention in accordance with Article 19 thereof. The Assembly notes that such action may require consequential redesignations of titles of other members of the Directorate and that, in any event, no financial implications would be involved.
